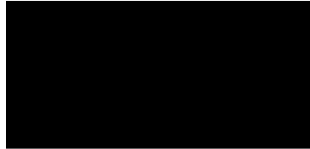


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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW,LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. ~~Eighty-three~~ ^{FOIA b3} ~~FOIA b3~~ reports have been translated and issued by ~~FOIA b3~~

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by ~~FOIA b3~~. The numbering of the items was added by the translator ~~FOIA b3~~ since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, ~~FOIA b3~~ inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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Military Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

26 March 1943

More Important Reports

(1) The following were identified in radio communications of the Civil Air Fleet: In a coded message of 15 March from Gur'ev to Moscow and Kujbyshev, the Directorate of the Civil Air Fleet in Baku was mentioned for the first time. The double addressee confirms the presumption expressed in the daily report of 23 March that a part of the Chief Directorate of the Civil Air Fleet has its headquarters in Kujbyshev.

(2) In a coded message of 16 March from Kazan (?) to Sverdlovsk, the 207th Flight Division was mentioned for the first time.

(3) In the NKRF office in Khabarovsk, several members received a bonus in the amount of a month's wages for good performances.

(4) According to plan, the NKRF Directorate in Krasnoyarsk has to float the following quantities from its own timber procurements:

During the entire 1943 navigation period	100,000 cubic meters
Including in the 2nd quarter	60,000 " "
To be transported on rafts in the entire navigation period	60,000 tons
In the 2nd quarter	30,000 "
To be transported in April	5,000 cubic meters

In Krasnoyarsk Oblast' 300 workers are being mobilized for this work.

(5) The NKRF Directorate in Khabarovsk has to float the following quantities:

During the entire 1943 navigation period	23,000 cubic meters
Including in the 2nd quarter	15,000 " "
To be transported on rafts in the entire navigation period	10,000 tons
In the 2nd quarter	8,000 "
To be transported in April	4,000 cubic meters

In the 2nd quarter a total of 60 workers is being mobilized for this work.

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(6) According to a government decree, the NKRF offices received permission to use the entire fish catch for its own needs. In Ulan Ude the Baikal Fish Trust illegally seized the fishing equipment and 70% of the fish catch from the NKRF enterprises. Moscow warned the Fish Trust to discontinue this measure immediately and return the seized fish and equipment.

Personnel Situation

(7) The following numbers of students were transferred to the following NKRF offices for practical training:

<u>NKRF Office</u>	<u>Trade</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Transferred From</u>
Ust Usa	Ship machinists	20	
	Ship motor pilots	20	
Kujbyshev	Radio technicians	176	Technical School, Gorkij
	Radio technicians	95	Technical School, Kazan
Ulan Ude	Ship machinists	40	Local trade school
	Pilots	40	Local trade school
Krasnoyarsk	Ship machinists	50	NKRF Trade School
	Ship motor pilots	90	NKRF Trade School
	Radio operators	60	NKRF Trade School
Blagoveshchensk	Ship machinists	35	Local trade school

(8) In accordance with the order of the State Defense Committee, a shipyard school for 200 students is to be erected at the shipyard in Baturino.

(9) For logging operations in the 2nd quarter 230 persons are being mobilized for the NKRF in the Kujbyshev and Ulyanovsk Oblasti. These include 80 men assigned to the Middle-Volga Steamship Agency.

Food Situation

Tiflis

(10) As of 15 March, the Georgian Vegetable Trade dried 44 tons of potatoes and 28 tons of vegetables.

(11) The distillery produced 20,000 liters of alcohol in March.

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(12) In March the procurement office in Krasnodar procured:

Wheat	5,318 tons
including burned	1,700 "
Barley	1,323 "
including burned	150 "
Sunflowers	8,512 "
including at the oil plant	300 "
Maize	64 "
Millet	230 "
Oats	51 "
Castor bean oil	752 "
Soya	50 "
Flax	11 "
Total	11,311 tons

(13) The Mill Directorate in Stavropol set up the following plan for the 2nd quarter:

Flour	55,000 tons
Groats	1,260 "
Oil	20 "

(14) For the first quarter Gur'ev NKRF is to receive 450 tons of fish from the Fish Sales.

(15) Barnaul NKRF will receive 2 tons of feed grain from the local grain procurement office for March.

Metal Supply

(16) Plant "Teplokhod" in Gorkij is to receive 1 1/2 tons of wire in March from the Sales for Metal Industrial Products.

(17) Kujbyshev NKRF requires for March cast iron, 50 tons, copper plate (for the manufacture of diving suits) 820 kilograms, brass plate (for the manufacture of diving suits) 350 kilograms.

(18) Irkutsk NKRF requires 10 tons of assorted iron.

Oil Supply

(19) In February Uralsk NKRF received only 15 tons of fuel oil instead of 100 tons. The March allotments, on the whole, are not being delivered.

(20) In March Oil Sales in Stalingrad will deliver 2 1/2 tons of petroleum to Stalingrad NKRF.

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(21) Krasnoyarsk NKRF will receive 9 tons of automobile gasoline for the February limit from the Chief Directorate for Oil Sales.

Timber Supply

(22) In April Gorkij NKRF, Chief Directorate for Timber Supply, is to ship:

To the ship repair yard "Teplokhod" in	5 carloads sawdust packing
Mkhovye Gory	
To the ship repair yard "25 October" in	4 carloads sawdust packing
Ufa	

(23) For April 9 carloads of sawdust packing are scheduled for Ufa NKRF. Ufa itself is to guarantee its requirements for March.

Clothing Supply

(24) On 22 March Tiflis Shoe Trade had an inventory of 4,152 pair.

(25) According to a decree of the Chief Directorate for Textile Sales in Baku, two carloads of sewing thread (including 75,000 rolls of shoe thread) which were destined for the Chief Directorate for Textile Sales in Erivan were stopped and transferred to the factories in Baku. This order was a mistake in routing on the part of the Textile Sales. The carrying out of Army orders was consequently delayed.

(26) The Armenian Tobacco Industry in Erivan requires for the 2nd quarter the authorization of 40 tons of yarn instead of binding thread.

Chemical Supply

(27) Gorkij NKRF is to deliver 2 drums of carbide to Plant "25 October" and 1 drum to Plant "Karl Marx."

Production

(28) Gorkij NKRF is behind in the delivery of ships which have been repaired.

(29) Novosibirsk NKRF will receive for the erection of an electric station:

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From Blagoveshchensk	1 locomobile 1 generator
From Moscow	2 portable generators
From the Steamship Agency	1 motor #17